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HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill: House File 466/SF 149
Committee: Transportation
Date: March 30, 2011
Staff: Kristi Kielhorn (2-5290)
Members: Representative Massie

Medical Condition Disclosure

House File 466/Senate File 149 allows an advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician's assistant to submit a report to the DOT that states an individual is not physically or mentally competent to drive.

Summary of Action

Passed House Transportation 20-1
Passed the Senate (SF 149) 50-0
Passed the House 95-0
Signed by Governor

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1—Examination of New or Incompetent Drivers

Currently, the Department of Transportation can determine if an applicant for a license or a licensee is physically and mentally competent to drive. The department can require an exam or may act on the report of a doctor or optometrist which renders a person incompetent. A doctor or optometrist who makes such a report is required to attempt to notify the patient in writing of the disclosure. The doctor or optometrist is immune from civil or criminal liability that might be incurred or imposed as a result of the report. The bill allows a licensed advanced registered nurse practitioner who is registered with the board of nursing or a physician's assistant licensed under Chapter 148C to make the same report. These parties would have the same responsibilities and protections that currently apply to doctors and optometrists.